

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 12, 2012

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** **Councilor Tim Carpenter (W1), Councilor Mark Tiffer (W2)**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 4, 2012 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 11, 2012 in the amount of **\$ 247,625.71** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 4 – April 11, 2012
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from April 3 – April 9, 2012
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from March 7 – March 14, 2012
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from March 22 – March 31, 2012

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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4. **CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 365,441.46 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Jim Bailey through the Adopt-A-Spot Program to pick up litter monthly on Steltzer Road from Broad Street to South Catherine Street both sides including part of the Saranac River Trail and the edge of Riverside Cemetery.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Office of Community Development to advertise for bids for Housing Rehab – 173 Oak Street (Latour).

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Office of Community Development to advertise for bids for Housing Rehab – 27 St. John St (Stone).

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.38 “May 2011 Flood Damage” to complete the repair work detailed in several categories of the 2012 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H7220.40 “2012 Rec Complex Facilities” to complete the upgrades detailed in that section of the 2012 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2012-01 “One New 2012 or Newer 1750 GPM Pumper” be awarded to Tyler Fire Equipment for the total amount of \$402,204.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** said I just wanted to point out that on the attachment that we had it didn’t indicate that this appeared at first glimpse to be the lowest bid but the bid that was lower was also a foot and half longer and wouldn’t fit in the Fire Station. There were a number of other areas of deviation from the specs as well but that was the critical one.

Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER TO JOSHUA POND EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2012 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 78 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.**

Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO ANN GIARD-CHASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 24, 2012 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN 8 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.
2. Request from the Office of Community Development that Project HOME 2009-16 (5 Underwood Ave – Watts) be awarded to Handy Dan D Home Improvements for the total amount of \$22,025.
3. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for two Police Officers to attend the “Police Interceptor Ride & Drive Event” in Syracuse, NY from April 23 – 24, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$396 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture account (DOJ) Funds.
4. Request from Jonathan Ruff Environmental Manager for three Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainees to attend the “Basic Operations and Activated Sludge Certification classes” at SUNY Morrisville at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.
5. Request from Jonathan Ruff Environmental Manager to attend the NYWEA Spring meeting in Buffalo, NY from June 4 – 6, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$998.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Steve Peters Superintendent of Recreation** said I’d like to formally invite all of you to a Recreation Presentation that is rooted in the Vision2Action committee. That committee is made up of a bunch of business men and women in the area. There have been a number of different presentations that have been out there. Arts was the first one in February. This is the recreation presentation which we’ll have a big role in and following is Transportation and then Education. This one takes place next Thursday at 7pm, so it’s after the Council Meeting. I know there are lots of other folks that are interested in attending that will be there and I did want to extend the formal invitation to all of you to be there as well. This does talk about a lot of things that involve the City, the Town and the County in general and how we can position ourselves to be an attractive place for people to want to move to, grow their families and their businesses.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said let the Council know, Steve, where it is.

**Steve Peters Superintendent of Recreation** said the Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall at the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:39pm**